

HERRERA COMMENTS ON AREA PEACE, CONTADORA

CO-VE BORDER

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[Text] Caracas, 2 Oct (EFE) -- The Venezuelan president today stressed that there is a need to establish democratic governments in Central America, "regardless of their political orientation, because this is the only way to secure real peace."

Luis Herrera Campins expressed concern over the latest developments on the Costa Rican-Nicaraguan border and over other incidents that have significantly increased tension among the area's nations.

In that context, he insisted that such tension in Central America must be urgently eliminated if peace in the region is to be achieved.

According to the Venezuelan head of state, it is also necessary to provide incentives for the economies of the area's countries, to promote their economic growth, and to rectify persistent social injustices.

Herrera Campins declared that the industrialized nations should provide the greatest cooperation in that process, and urged them to make every effort to avoid the internationalization of existing conflicts.

Referring to the Contadora Group, in which Venezuela participates with Colombia, Mexico, and Panama, he pointed out that one of the most positive aspects of the Central American conflict has been the intervention of that group, "with its moral, democratic, peaceful, and Latin American authority."

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TROOPS KILL EIGHT ELN GUERRILLAS ON BORDER

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[Text] Cucuta -- Eight guerrillas from the outlawed National Liberation Army were killed in the past few hours during armed clashes with Venezuelan troops in the (San Camilo) jungle, in the Colombian-Venezuelan border area. An official spokesman confirmed the report here tonight. According to reports, the eight subversives killed during the clashes with Venezuelan Army troops had attacked the Cutufi military post a few days ago in that neighboring country.